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Re: Aviation Security Infrastructure Fees
Docket: TSA 2001-11334 - 18

Dear Mr. Meehan:

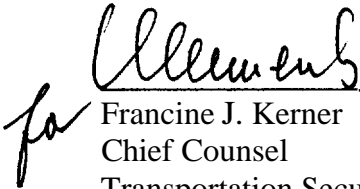
Thank you for your letter of March 18, 2002. Your letter, written on behalf of the Air Transport Association of America, Inc. (ATA), offers comments on the Interim Final Rule (IFR) that imposes the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee (67 F.R. 7926, February 20, 2002). In addition, your letter requests guidance on completing and submitting Appendix A's form for reporting passenger and property screening costs for calendar year 2000; suggests an alternative form for Appendix A; and requests that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) provide an extension of the filing deadline for Appendix A, as well as for the initial payment of the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee, until at least thirty days after the issuance of guidance regarding Appendix A. A copy of this response to your letter will be placed in the Department of Transportation's (DOT) docket management system for public review, which is accessible through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

After careful review, TSA has determined that we are unable to grant your request for a general extension of the filing deadline for submission of Appendix A or your request for a delay of the due date for the initial payment of the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee. While TSA believes that the instructions for Appendix A are clear, I am pleased to inform you that TSA will shortly issue additional guidance for completing and submitting Appendix A, as published in the IFR. This guidance will expand upon the instructions already provided in Appendix A by providing further direction and by offering explanations and examples. It will be placed in DOT's docket management system under docket number TSA-2001-11334 and published in the Federal Register for public review.

TSA is currently reviewing all of the public comments received to date regarding the IFR and Appendix A, including the comments submitted by ATA. TSA's response to these comments will be placed in DOT's docket management system and published in the Federal Register at a future date.

For further assistance with legal issues, please contact Steven Cohen of my staff at the Office of the Chief Counsel (TSA-5), Transportation Security Administration, **U.S.** Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC, 20590, or you may call him at (202) 493-1231. For technical issues, you may call Randall Fiertz at (202) 366-9192.

Sincerely,


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